

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**SARA COLLINS ELEMENTARY**  
**Greenville**  
**Grades: K-5** **Enrollment: 767**  
**Principal: Alice Arrington**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher**  
**Board Chair: Megan Hickerson**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

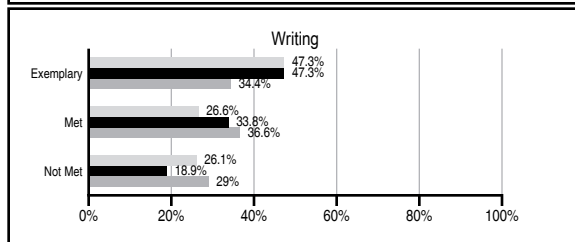
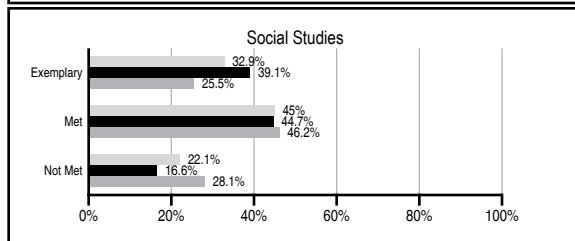
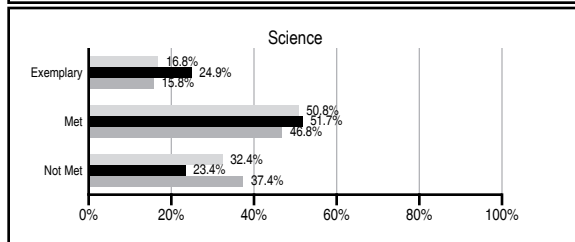
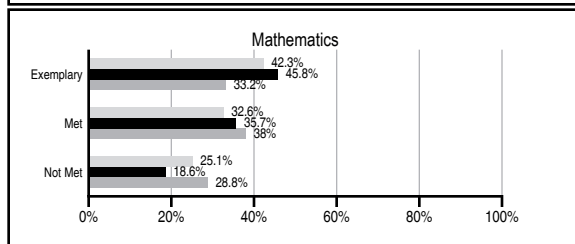
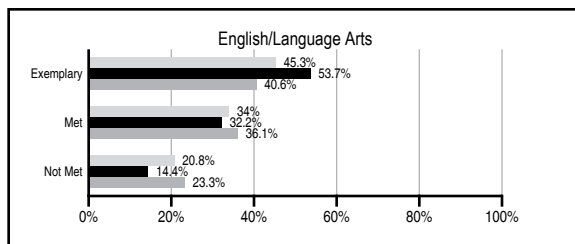
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	16	5	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

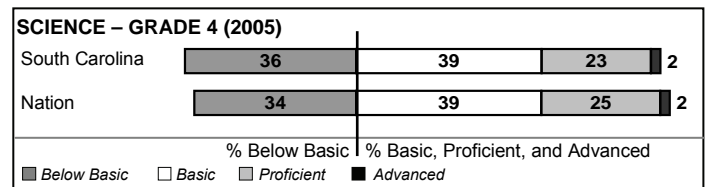
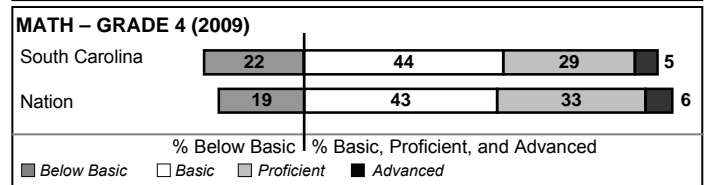
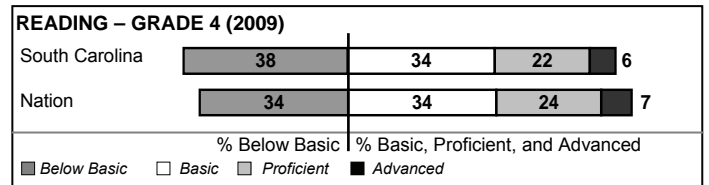
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

SARA COLLINS ELEMENTARY [Greenville]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=767)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.5%	0.9%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.3%	96.4%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.3%	Up from 14.6%	18.9%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	13.9%	Down from 15.2%	8.1%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.2%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.0%	Up from 55.6%	59.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Up from 77.8%	86.0%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.1%	Up from 83.1%	88.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.7%	Up from 94.6%	96.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,045	Up 2.5%	\$48,285	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Up from 8.4 days	9.9 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	Up from 14.9 to 1	21.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.7%	Up from 90.2%	92.4%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,268	Down 2.6%	\$6,658	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.6%	Up from 69.7%	70.6%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.6%	Up from 67.1%	67.4%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 90.5%	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	54	108	68
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.1%	87.9%	84.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.6%	84.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	98.1%	86.8%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Sara Collins Elementary is an urban school located in the city limits of Greenville, South Carolina. We are a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School. With the school motto, "Our kids are our world," we provide a quality international education to all students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Our mission is to educate children to become knowledgeable, responsible citizens in a global society by providing a meaningful curriculum that integrates community and technological resources. Our program includes the district's Satellite program for orthopedic and hearing disabled students. Our emphasis is on international education which includes Spanish instruction in grades one through five. Technology is an integral part of our program with daily access for students in research, e-Portfolios, and a variety of productive software. Students and Teachers have access to a full Compass Learning lab, three mobile laptop labs, Promethean boards, and a full range of content specific software. We believe Sara Collins Elementary is one of the most exciting learning communities in Greenville County.

Sara Collins Elementary and the staff have been recognized for their achievements and accomplishments on local, state and national levels. We are fully accredited by the AdvancedEd. This year the National PTA recognized our PTA for the Phoebe Hearst Award of Excellence recognized us as for our family-school partnership. We form productive partnerships with parents by promoting programs that connect students and parents in learning environments such as Sizzling Saturday, MENtoring Men, and PTA events. We also received the South Carolina Red Carpet Award for customer service for the second time.

We currently have nine national board certified teachers. Other notable past awards include Miliken Family Foundation National Educator Award, Palmetto's Finest Award, Village Green School, and Redbook Magazine Award for Innovative Teaching for Children with Special Needs.

We have a long, proud tradition at Sara Collins Elementary for providing a safe, caring environment and a strong educational program for all our students. We will continue to build on that tradition while we provide students with the education they need for a successful future.

School Improvement Council Chair, Scott Davis  
Principal, Alice Arrington

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